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Letter from Supervisor Joan DuBois

Dear Dranesville District Constituents,

I would like to congratulate all the high school and college graduates in the class of 2006 and wish each of you the best of luck in your future endeavors. If you are going away to college, take the time to obtain an absentee ballot before you leave for school. There are Federal elections for Senate and Congress coming up this fall. Applications are available in my office or can be accessed on the Fairfax County Web site by entering the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm>. Along with your local paper, subscribe to this newsletter for regular updates about what is "happening at home."

For those of you who are entering the workforce for the first time and may be staying in Northern Virginia, I implore you to take the time to become involved in local government. We function where the rubber truly does meet the road. Make your voice heard on the issues that are important to you. Decisions made today will affect you and the families you may choose to raise here for many years to come. Help us to find ways to provide housing that you can afford; open spaces for your children to play, and services that are important to you. Become personal stewards of our environmental resources. Sometimes the bureaucracies and regulations that we establish can be mind numbing. Don't give up! Citizenship is a partnership and too often, as you are busy making money, establishing a career and building families, you become too busy to "bother." Government that serves people best starts at the local grassroots level, and it starts with you.

In other places throughout this newsletter, I ask that you provide me with comments on a variety of subjects. I do read what you say and I will try, to the best of my ability to consider and weigh the things that are important to you.

As we gather to honor our nation, there are several wonderful Dranesville Fourth of July celebration for families. In McLean, fireworks and festivities will be held at Langley High School starting at 6 p.m. For more information please visit the McLean Community Center Web site, <http://www.mcleancenter.org>. In Great Falls, rides and activities will start at 6 p.m. with a fireworks display at 9:25 p.m. at Turner Park. In Herndon, activities will start at the Community Center at 6:30 pm. with fireworks at dark.

Have a wonderful and safe summer and enjoy the holiday!

Joan M. DuBois



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Applications Filed for Two Great Falls Agricultural and Forestal Districts

Two neighbors on Beach Mill Road, with parcels totaling over 42 acres have filed applications to have their properties approved as local Agricultural and Forestal Districts (A&F).

John and Barbara Whitney have filed an application to place 21.7 acres in a new A&F that will devote part of the land to firewood production and harvesting and other portions to conservation. The land is improved with a residence, barn and two outbuildings and has been in the Whitney family since 1972. I will hear this application on October 23, 2006.

The Charles Jenkins Trust also filed an application this month to renew its 21-acre A&F District, originally established in 1998. This land has been in the Jenkins family for five generations and was a cattle farm in the 1930's. It is also currently a forestal district. Both of these tracts are on the east side of Beach Mill Road, just south of Springvale Road in Great Falls.

The A&F Program is designed to preserve and protect open spaces, forested areas and agricultural lands in Fairfax County. The program allows property owners who meet certain criteria to be taxed on the use value of their land rather than the market value. Dranesville currently is blessed to have 18 such districts totaling almost 1,000 acres of land that has not been subject to development.

Tysons Corner Updates

In mid May, Virginia Transportation Secretary, Pierce Homer, announced the formation of a panel to conduct an independent evaluation of the tunnel alternative for the rail project currently planned for the Tysons Corner area. The panel, led by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), will consider the cost, schedule and other project implications of the tunneling option, supported by many Dranesville residents. A report on this option is currently expected in late July and I will have a full report for you in August. Names of the panelists, their qualifications and schedule can be found at the following link: <http://www.dullesmetro.com>.

Earlier this month, the Tysons Land Use Task Force, a citizen group charged with updating the 1994 Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan, asked the Board of Supervisors to consider hiring an additional consultant to assist them with this ongoing effort. In their letter to Board members, the Task Force requested the professional assistance of a pre-eminent urban planning firm to synthesize the input gathered from the community to review the work it has completed to date, and to create visual representations of any proposed Plan changes. The County Executive is scheduled to make a recommendation on funding and propose a possible timeline for this work at the Board meeting on July 10. Earlier this year, the Task Force reached out to surrounding communities and other constituencies to collect visions of what these stakeholders wanted Tysons Corner to be. For the results of community comment, please go to the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/> and click the bullet entitled "community outreach findings." Over the summer, a small subcommittee of the Task Force will meet to update the Web site for the Task Force to make it more "user friendly." Please e-mail me any suggestions you might have.

Two New HOV Laws Take Effect July 1st

HOV violators risk heftier fines and drivers of hybrid vehicles not registered by July 1, 2006 will not be permitted on the I-95/395 HOV lanes. The fine for driving in the HOV lanes without the required number of occupants during rush hours will cost \$125 -- \$75 more than the current fine for a first offense. The fine for a second offense will increase from the current \$200 to \$250, and, for the first time, second-time offenders will receive three demerits on their driving record. For more information about the new fines, HOV rules and hybrid vehicles regulations, please visit the Virginia Department of Transportation Web site:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/service/news/newsrelease.asp?ID=NOVA-NR06-19>

McLean Community Center Welcomes New Executive Director and New Board

I want to take this opportunity to notify the community about the results of the McLean Day Preference Poll for the McLean Community Center Governing Board for 2006-2007. The following McLean residents will serve three-year terms: Jan Auerbach, Edward Shahin and David Sanders. Katherine Armstrong and Jennifer Bainbridge will serve one-year terms. Representing the Langley High School area is student representative, Hilary Sanders; with the McLean High area represented by Jessica Richardson.

I have also been informed that the Board has chosen Sean A. Dunn as its chair and Jan Auerbach as its vice-chair. David Sanders was elected treasurer and Nyka Jasper Feldman was elected secretary. On June 1, the Center also welcomed a new Executive Director, Michael Cadwallader, who came to the Center from his post as Director of the Fairfax City Department of Parks and Recreation. The Board has many challenges ahead this year, looking at a potential expansion of its current facility and responding to requests for new programs. To learn more about upcoming events at the McLean Community Center go to: <http://www.mcleancenter.org>



Supervisor DuBois recognizes McLean Community Center Executive Director Bill Bersie for his many years of service as he retires.

Dead Bird Surveillance Continues

Residents are being asked to report dead birds to the Health Department to help with the County's ongoing surveillance and tracking of West Nile Virus. Infected mosquitoes are known to spread the virus to wild birds, other animals, and sometimes humans during mosquito season, which typically runs from May until October. Dead birds can be reported by phone at 703-246-2300, TTY 703-591-6435; by e-mail to fightthebite@fairfaxcounty.gov or by the Web-based reporting form: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvdeadbird.htm>

Summer Reading at the Library

The Fairfax County Public Library invites kids to participate in the 2006 Summer Reading Program. Held in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, the program runs from June 20 to September 2 and encourages children to read for pleasure during the summer. More than 25 businesses and organizations have donated more than \$1 million worth of prizes to kids who finish the program; other sponsors will donate prizes for special drawings at the end of the summer.

Preschoolers through sixth graders read 15 books (kids can have books read to them), and those in grades 7-12 read eight books. Participants who finish reading the required number of books by September 2 win prizes. Kids can read any books they choose; those who want a list of reading suggestions can look in *This Month*, the library's calendar of events (available at local branches); or on the library's Web site at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library>.

An array of performers from jugglers and puppeteers to magicians and musicians will entertain and educate children at library branches all summer long. Also, teens can participate in special activities, including video/DVD production workshops for the library's Cool Clips contest.

These events and activities are free; registration is required for most. Please call to sign up beginning two weeks before an event. Ask for signed interpretation or assistive listening devices when you call (TTY users can call 703-324-8365). The events are funded through generous donations from various Friends of the Library organizations.

Old Chesterbrook Road Traffic Calming

On May 2, residents along Old Chesterbrook Road hosted a meeting to discuss traffic calming. Old Chesterbrook Road is a 1.6 mile residential road that runs from Westmoreland Street to Kirby Road. Over the past few years, residents of Old Chesterbrook Road have worked alongside Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Dranesville Supervisor's office on this project.

The first requirement was the completion of a traffic study showing that Old Chesterbrook Road qualified for traffic calming measures. The original study had to demonstrate at least 600 vehicles passed through the road in a 24-hour period, 15 percent of the vehicles went at least 10 miles over the speed limit, or the average went five miles over the speed limit.

The task force set up a meeting to discuss the traffic calming proposal which included: bicycle lanes and parking lanes from Westmoreland Street to Aerie Lane; one speed hump adjacent to 6801, 6720 and 6719 Old Chesterbrook Road; one speed hump adjacent to 6542, 6541 Old Chesterbrook Road; and one speed table adjacent to 6455, 6454, 6450, and 6451 Old Chesterbrook Road. The task force obtained support and authorization from the houses immediately in front of these devices. Beginning on May 2, ballots were handed out to 770 homes in a designated petition area. This area was determined by those homes most affected by the proposal. From the 770 homes, my office received 509 ballots with a total of 431 votes in support for the project. The requirements to approve the traffic calming measures are that we first receive fifty percent of the ballots out of the 770 homes, and then sixty percent of the fifty percent received must vote yes.

The Old Chesterbrook Road Traffic Calming project was approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at our meeting on June 26. Now that the Board has approved the project, VDOT will be notified and proceed with the installation of the various devices. VDOT has stated they will work towards completing the project by October or November of 2006. For more information on the traffic calming process please contact Tania Cunha in our office at 703-356-0551 or visit, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm>

Traffic Calming and Enhancement Transportation Projects Coming to Great Falls

A project proposed in 1999 by the Georgetown Pike Traffic Calming Committee is finally about to come to fruition. At the intersection of Riverbend Road and Nethercliffe Hall Road, the Virginia Department of Transportation will soon undertake a project that will reconstruct the existing roadway on Georgetown Pike. The work to be undertaken will adjust the vertical roadway alignment to improve sight distance for motorists emerging from Riverbend Road. Earlier in the spring, VDOT posted notices in local papers and on Georgetown Pike of its willingness to hold public hearings on this subject because there is a potential to disrupt local and regional traffic patterns during construction. After a 30 day period, no individual or group had come forward to request such a hearing. VDOT anticipates advertising this project over the summer and actual construction, which will close Georgetown Pike, will take place over a single weekend in the fall. As the schedule becomes more firm, I will keep you updated.

On a parallel track, VDOT is also in the final design process prior to beginning installation of stone entry markers on Georgetown Pike at Route 7 and at Route 123 that will welcome motorists to "Virginia's First Scenic and Historic Byway." Additional signage and traffic calming measures will be placed in the Great Falls Village Center in concert with the Celebrate Virginia festivities scheduled for 2007. The final part of this project will construct a scenic pull off near Langley Forks Park across from Clemijontri Park and will give some of the history of the road that once carried farm goods to Washington. Both projects will be constructed with Federal funds that have been matched locally.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment On Yard Setbacks and Fence Heights

On June 14, the Planning Commission voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors an Amendment to the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance that would create a new category of Special Permit that would allow up to a 50% reduction in certain yard setbacks for purposes of modifying an existing residential dwelling.

The proposed language of the Amendment comes after several years of community dialogue following the April 2004 Virginia Supreme Court decision in *Cochran v. Board of Zoning Appeals* which ruled that variances could only be granted when the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would, in the absence of a variance, "interfere with all reasonable beneficial uses of the property, taken as a whole." For more information, including the actual decision, please click the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/minyard.htm> which also provides feedback from citizen information meetings held last fall.

Despite hearing from a number of individuals and citizens groups in opposition, the Board believes that it may be in the County's best interest to allow some limited flexibility with regards to the existing setback requirements for each residential district. In particular, I have reviewed letters, e-mails and resolutions from the MCA, GFCA, Federation of Citizens Associations and from affected families. I expect to listen to further testimony on this matter when it comes for public hearing on July 10 at 4:30 p.m., and I invite Dranesville residents to continue to share their views with me on this sensitive topic.

In my discussions with Planning Commissioner Nancy Hopkins, I have focused on three areas where I want to see specific criteria that protect existing communities from the impact of what I have come to describe as 'ostentasteless' homes. No one can strictly define them, but everyone seems to be able to recognize them. The first criteria would be assurance that the setback reduction represents the minimum amount necessary to accommodate an addition. In other words, there should be a unique circumstance such as a septic field, a grove of trees, a Resource Protection Area or a steep slope that precludes expanding in a different direction. Similarly, if a homeowner wants to bump out a kitchen, it makes little sense to add it to the side of the garage rather than the existing location. I will be looking for criteria that assure me that there is no viable alternate location.

Second, I would expect criteria that require the BZA to determine that the proposed development is harmonious with surrounding structures. The County may not be able to preclude homeowners from building homes to the setback limits, but should never facilitate by Special Permit something that makes such a situation worse.

Finally I want criteria that limit the gross floor area of an addition. I do not want to see an addition that is larger than the original structure. The current ordinance allows most homeowners by right to add a second story to their homes, which amounts to a 100% increase in gross floor area. The current proposal would restrict further expansion to an additional 50% if a setback modification is sought. However, I am still not quite satisfied with staff's proposed language.

I invite you to take time to view the annotated staff report dated May 1, 2006 by clicking the attached link and giving me your feedback over the next few weeks:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/50percentstaffrec.pdf>

"THE ENERGY SAVED FROM RECYCLING ONE GLASS BOTTLE WILL LIGHT A 100-WATT BULB FOR 4 HOURS."

FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FAIRFAX AREA, JUNE 2006 NEWSLETTER



Great Falls photographer Walt Lawrence and Great Falls Studios president Laura Nichols join Joan in viewing Walt's photographs on display at the McLean Governmental Center Community Room.

Portable Storage Containers. A Solution in Search of a Problem?

Although I receive hundred of complaints each year that require the enforcement of existing county ordinances, I have never heard from any of my constituents about concerns they may have with a neighbor who has made use of a portable storage container, a relatively new phenomenon. You may have seen logos for some firms including companies like PODS, Packrat and Boxcars. They are fully enclosed and lockable.

According to industry reports, most portable containers are leased for two weeks or less and are used for household item storage during home construction, periods when children come home from college or when moving. Most such containers are approximately 8 feet tall, 16 feet long and 8 feet wide. Some units are smaller. Due to size and site accessibility, most containers are placed in front yards or driveways. Most are filled and removed, but some homeowners have elected to allow them to remain in the driveway rather than pay storage fees.

County staff is currently soliciting comments on whether and how to regulate these containers. This amendment would also place restrictions on larger commercial cargo shipping containers which are placed in parking lots, and are frequently storing excess retail goods. Finally, the ordinance amendment would address roll-off containers or dumpsters that are used during home construction projects.

Are you experiencing problems with these containers? For example, staff is proposing to restrict the size of any container to 130 square feet and 8 ½ feet in height; would restrict allowable colors; restrict any signage to four square feet; would not allow them in the driveways of townhouses or at multifamily locations and would not allow them to be placed in any location that obstructs motorists' line of site. In addition, staff proposes to restrict their presence in a yard to thirty days. While the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this May 25 and will make a decision on July 19, I am not scheduled to hear this amendment until September 10. Please review the staff report: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed> and click the link for Portable Storage Containers. If you have thoughts or comments for Planning Commissioner Hopkins or for me, please send me an email and I will be sure it is appropriately distributed.

Dranesville Schools Make-Over and Modulars

The Fairfax County School Board has approved a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that includes expenditures for projects to be underway in FY 2007. The CIP includes several projects in the Dranesville District.

Churchill Road Elementary -- 12-room modular.

Herndon Elementary -- 10-room modular.

Cooper Middle -- 12-room modular.

Langley High -- planning for addition.

For more information email Dranesville District school board representative Janie Strauss jane.strauss@fcps.edu or call 571-423-1087.

Underage Drinking Hotline Open

Know of a teenage drinking party this summer? Fairfax County police want you to share the information with them. For the second year, police have launched the "**Shut It Down**" hotline, which people can call to anonymously tip police to planned parties with underage drinkers. Officer Joe Moore said police will use the tips to contact parents or party organizers in advance and try to stop the illegal alcohol consumption before it starts. The calls go to a recorded line, Moore said.

The goal is to stop underage drinking and driving. Moore said seven such parties were squelched last summer. The "**Shut It Down**" hotline number is 703-246-2333. For teen drinking parties in progress, police ask that callers dial the Fairfax non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.

Dranesville Appointee Vacancies

Criminal Justice Advisory Board : the purpose of this board is to receive and coordinate all phases of planning for the Criminal Justice System in the County of Fairfax and to furnish its advice and recommendations to the County Executive and, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors. Reestablished to continue in an advisory capacity though no longer required by Federal Law.

Citizens Corps Council: the purpose of this newly created group is to build on community strengths to develop action plans to involve the whole community, including special needs groups. Focus on public education, training and volunteer opportunities for community and family safety. Promote and oversee Citizen Corps programs. Provide opportunities for special skills and interests. Identify best practices and report accomplishments.

Additional information on all the County's boards and councils can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>. If you would be interested in being appointed to either of these boards as the Dranesville District representative, please submit a resume to Pamela.Wilks@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.



Joan walks her laps with Nancy O'Reilly in the **Relay for Life** fundraiser for cancer research at Herndon High School, June 10th.

County Vehicle Decals Not Required

Vehicles acquired or moved into Fairfax County on or after May 2, 2006 are not required to purchase a decal, given the 60 day grace period that would normally apply. Residents of the Towns of Clifton, Herndon and Vienna will still need to purchase and display town decals.

Fairfax County residents, including town residents, are reminded that they still have an obligation to register vehicles that are normally garaged in Fairfax County with the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) within 60 days of the purchase or move-in date. Failure to locally register vehicles on time will result in additional penalties. You can [Register Online with DTA](#)! Please also check to ensure your address is correct with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Outdated information with the DMV can result in tax and ticket problems.

Heritage Tree Preservation

For many years, the Board of Supervisors has sought additional authority from the General Assembly to preserve trees during the development process. At our June 5th Board meeting, Chairman Connolly shared information provided by the Urban Forester that Fairfax County may not be taking full advantage of authority already granted by the Commonwealth. Specifically, the Board may have the authority to designate certain trees as "heritage," "memorial," "specimen," and "street" trees for preservation during a land use process. This authority was granted in 1989 under Va. Code 10.1-1127.1. Violations of such an ordinance would be subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500. Despite the potential difficulties of administering such an ordinance, which may involve compensating private owners through takings claims, the Board has authorized the County Attorney, with assistance from the Urban Forester, to draft such an ordinance. I look forward to working with Dranesville communities to comment on the draft when it is circulated and on identifying trees that might meet this criteria.

Summer Recreation Bargains

Fairfax County is jam packed with opportunities for inexpensive or free events and programs for kids and families, many right here in the Dranesville District. For the bargain hunters, the programs listed cost \$5 per person or less, \$20 per family or less.

Close to home is **Riverbend Park**, a beautiful natural park along the Potomac with a Nature Center in the woods and Visitor Center overlooking the river. The Nature Center offers free or low cost nature programs for toddlers to full families including nature walks, puppet shows, programs on wildlife and animals, art classes and much more. The entire family can enjoy the family campfires and family campouts and the Saturday concert series.

Turner Farm Park in Great Falls is the place to watch the stars. On Friday nights beginning at sunset, the entire family can join the Analemma Society to view the celestial events. Mark your calendars for mid-August to view the annual Perseid Meteor showers for a great show.

Free Concerts with a variety of styles and performers are scheduled this summer at **McLean Central Park** (on Sundays at 4:30), **Riverbend Park** (Saturdays at 4:30), and the **Herndon Town Green** (Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.)

Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre in the Woods has 70 performances (music, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and theatre) for kids scheduled this summer on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Shows cost \$5.00 each, or \$8.00 for two back-to-back shows on the same day. These tickets go fast, so contact Wolf Trap if interested.

Summer Reading Program for kids from preschool age to grade 12 is sponsored by the Fairfax County Libraries (See article on page 3 of this newsletter.) Kids sign up, read the required number of books, turn in their logs and receive a coupon booklet with free prizes and discount coupons on local attractions and businesses.

A little farther from home, **Lake Fairfax** offers rides on their excursion boat for \$1.50, pedal boats are \$6. (For the bargain hunters, admission to the Water Mine water park drops down to \$8.00 after 5:00 p.m. Check the Park Authority's ParTakes magazine and local papers for discount coupons on the regular daily admission.)

If you like animals, **Frying Pan Park** is the place to be. Spring's new babies joined the other animals at this working farm park. Check their Web site for the due dates for Linda the Guernsey, or Monica, the Red Poll. Admission is free. Rides on a wagon pulled by the farm's draft horses are \$3.00.

A round of miniature golf is \$5.00 for adults, less for shorter duffers, at the Park Authority's courses at **Jefferson Falls** and **Oak Marr**. (2 rounds for the cost of 1 coupon is available in ParTakes.)

The County's other nature centers offer a variety of programs for youths and families at their many sites. Programs featuring snakes, creature features, wetlands in bloom, fleas, ticks, bedbugs, gnats and very small bugs, box turtles, bat watching, nature detectives, puppet shows, fish, evening explorations, and the blood suckers of Fairfax.

Lastly, Park Authority's **Lake Accotink** has the ultimate excursion for the dog in your life. On their Dog Day Afternoon, treat your dog to a cruise of Lake Accotink on their pooch friendly pontoon boat. Reservations required - \$3 for kids, \$5 for adults, pooches ride for free.

Check the Park Authority Web site for a complete listing and dates of all their summer events at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks>, or in the ParTakes magazine.



Joan and State Delegate Tom Rust take a turn serving up barbeque at the **Herndon Festival**, June 3rd.

Dranesville Congratulations

*To Master Police Officer Tom Black, who received the 2006 Onthank Award, the highest honor Fairfax County bestows on its employees. The Onthank Award recognizes accomplishments of outstanding worth in advancing and improving public service in County government by an individual employee.

*To Haycock Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Virginia Brewbaker for receiving Fairfax County Public Schools' 2006 Outstanding First-Year Teacher Award.

*To Colvin Run Elementary School for earning special honors from the National Wildlife Federation for their garden initiative.

*To Linda Stone, a McLean resident, who is the recipient of a 2005/2006 Northern Virginia Community College Faculty of the Year Award.

*To Riverbend Park Manager Marty Smith, and senior interpreter Karen Sheffield, who were presented 2006 Stewardship Awards by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Smith and Sheffield developed and completed the Potomac River Gorge Interpretive Trail waysides.

*To McLean High School student Jessica Richardson for being awarded a Teen Character Award by the McLean Citizens Association for her service on the McLean Community Center Governing Board.

*To Langley High School student Meredith Rubin, for also being awarded a Teen Character Award, for her community service activities.

*To Langley High School student Nicola Turner, another Teen Character Award winner, for her volunteer work at Lift Me Up!, a therapeutic riding school for physically and mentally challenged children located in Great Falls.

*To the Math Counts Team of Fairfax County on earning first place in the nation, particularly Barbara Burnett, a math teacher at Longfellow Middle School and also the team coach, and Vern Williams, another Longfellow teacher who tutored many of the students.

*To Herndon Elementary School principal Carolyn Gannaway for being named by the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers Union as one of the top three principals of Fairfax County Public Schools.

*To Herndon High School's Abreham Dagnachew for winning the 800 and 1600 meter crowns at the Northern Region track and field championship.

*To Darryl Smith, former Herndon Town Council member, for being honored as Citizen of the Year by the Herndon Rotary.

*To Langley High School's Jordan Calderwood for winning the 110 and 300 hurdles at the Northern Region track and field championship.

*To Elizabeth Allen, George Hershey and Betty Robinson for being honored at the 37th Annual Senior Recognition Ceremony at the Dranesville District Outstanding Seniors.

Security Alert

With the arrival of summer, our crimes of convenience have already begun. Please remember to lock your doors and windows whenever you leave home. Please shut your garage door at night and lock all your vehicles either on the street or driveway. There have recently been a number of burglaries where criminals have stolen items from garages at night when the door was left open. Criminals have also checked the door from the garage into the home and when found unlocked have actually entered the home to steal personal items readily accessible. The door from the garage to the home should be secured with a bolt lock. It is also recommended any windows in your garage – including garage door windows – have curtains to prevent criminals from looking in your garage for items of interest. No car in the garage indicates no one is home. Let's take this opportunity away to make you a burglary victim. For any home security question please contact our office.

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